

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

NORMAN L. NICHOLS, JR.

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Plaintiff

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v.

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CIVIL NO. JFM-02-3523

CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

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Defendant

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DEFENDANT'S BILL OF COSTS

The Board of Education of Caroline County, Defendant, by its undersigned counsel Leslie R. Stellman, Steven B. Schwartzman, and Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz, P.A., and pursuant to Local Rule 109, hereby requests, as more fully supported in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, that Plaintiff be ordered to pay the Defendant all recoverable costs incurred by it in this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEFENDANT BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF CAROLINE COUNTY**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of February 2004, a copy of the foregoing Bill of Costs was filed electronically, faxed and mailed via first class mail, postage pre-paid, to Frederick P. Charleston, 2530 North Charles Street, Suite 201, Baltimore, MD 21218, Attorney for Plaintiff



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MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S BILL OF COSTS

Defendant Board of Education of Caroline County, by its undersigned counsel Leslie Robert Stellman, Steven B. Schwartzman, and Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz, P.A., pursuant to Local Rule 109(1), submits this Memorandum of Law in support of its Bill of Costs and states:

1. That pursuant to Rule 54 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant, as a prevailing party, shall be allowed to recover costs incurred by it in the course of this action.
2. That pursuant to Section 1920 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the Court may tax against the Plaintiff the following costs:
 - (1) Fees of the Clerk;
 - (2) Fees of a court reporter for all or any part of the stenographic transcript necessarily obtained for use in the case;
 - (3) Fees and disbursements for printing and witnesses;
 - (4) Fees for exemplification and copies of papers necessarily obtained for use in the case;
 - (5) Docket fees; and
 - (6) Compensation of court appointed experts and interpreters.

3. That there is a presumption that costs are to be awarded to the prevailing party. See Cherry v. Champion Int'l Corp., 186 F.3d 442, 446 (4th Cir. 1999) (“By mandating that, subject to court intervention, costs be allowed to a prevailing party ‘as of course,’ the rule creates the presumption that costs are to be awarded to the prevailing party.”)

4. That Defendant incurred the following costs:

COST SCHEDULE

Transcript Charges for Depositions

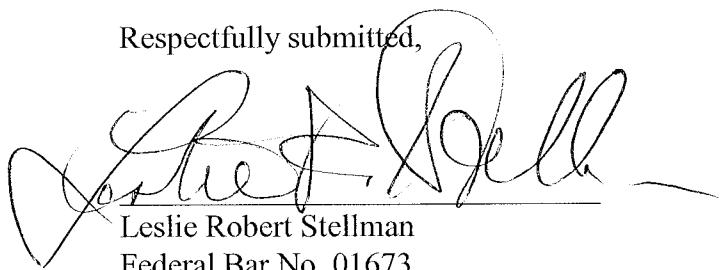
a.	Art Miller & Assoc., Inc. (Deposition of Norman L. Nichols)	Invoice No. 7795	\$751.40
b.	Art Miller & Assoc., Inc. (Deposition of Janet Fountain)	Invoice No. 9535	\$495.12
c.	Art Miller & Assoc., Inc. (Deposition of Larry Lorton, Ph.D)	Invoice No. 9430	\$508.50
d.	Art Miller & Assoc., Inc. (Deposition of Robert Eugene Smith)	Invoice No. 9428	\$248.55
SUBTOTAL:			\$2,003.57

5. That courts have consistently awarded employers costs for deposition transcripts. See Cherry, 186 F.3d at 449 (awarding employer approximately \$2,300.00 in transcription costs); EEOC v. W & O Inc., 213 F.3d 600, 620, 623-24 (11th Cir. 2000) (noting that deposition costs may be awarded to prevailing parties under § 1920(2)); Cengr v. Fusibond Piping Systems, 135 F.3d 445, 453-54 (7th Cir. 1998) (finding that deposition costs are authorized under § 1920(2) as stenographic transcripts and awarding employer approximately \$2,000.00 for deposition costs).

6. That these costs are supported by the attached affidavit and the attached invoices. (See copy of Affidavit attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and invoices attached hereto as **Exhibits 2 -5**).

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that the Plaintiff be ordered to reimburse Defendant the amount of **\$2,003.57** for costs incurred in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

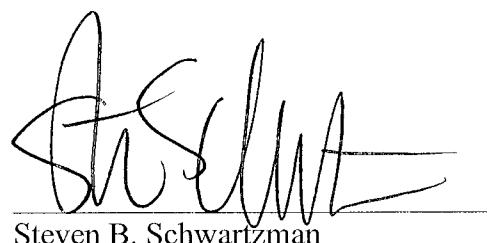


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**ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEFENDANT BOARD OF
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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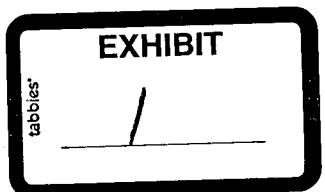
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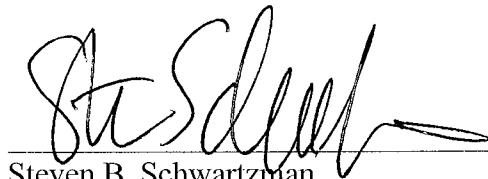
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S BILL OF COSTS

I, Steven B. Schwartzman, Esq., being over the age of 18 and competent to testify, state as follows:

1. I have served as counsel to the Defendant in the above-captioned case, and in that capacity I am personally familiar with the costs incurred in defending this lawsuit.
2. The costs stated in the supporting Memorandum of Law are correct and have been necessarily incurred in this cause of action.
3. The services for which fees have been charged were actually and necessarily performed.
4. The invoices and/or other documents reflecting the charges incurred by the Defendant for the various costs associated with the defense of the instant lawsuit that are attached to the Memorandum of Law are true and accurate summaries of the expenses and costs incurred by this office on behalf of Defendant in defending Plaintiff's suit for damages as a result of the extensive documents and pleadings required in this case.



I HEREBY AFFIRM that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, as are the enumerated costs identified in the accompanying invoices and other documents. Sworn this 25th day of February, 2004.



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Plaintiff(s)**BILL OF COSTS**

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Case Number JFM 02 3523CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Defendant(s)

Judgment having been entered in the above entitled action on 2/23/04 against
NORMAN L. NICHOLS, the Clerk is requested to tax the following as costs:

Fees of the Clerk	\$
Fees for service of summons and subpoena	\$
Fees of the court reporter for all or any part of the transcript necessarily obtained for use in the case	\$ <u>2,003.57</u> (see attachment motion)
Fees and disbursements for printing	\$
Fees for witnesses (itemize on reverse side)	\$
Fees for exemplification and copies of papers necessarily obtained for use in this case	\$
Docket fees under 28 U.S.C. 1923	\$
Costs as shown on Mandate of Court of Appeals	\$
Compensation of court-appointed experts	\$
Compensation of interpreters and costs of special interpretation services under 28 U.S.C. 1828	\$
Other costs (please itemize)	\$
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,003.57</u>

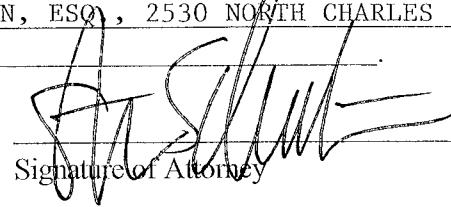
SPECIAL NOTE: Attach to your bill an itemization and documentation for requested costs in all categories.

DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing costs are correct and were necessarily incurred in this action and that the services for which fees have been charged were actually and necessarily performed. A copy of this bill was mailed today with postage prepaid to: FREDERICK P. CHARLESTON, ESQ., 2530 NORTH CHARLES STREET, SUITE 201, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21218.

STEVEN B. SCHWARTZMAN

Print Name of Attorney



Date

CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Print Name of Claiming Party

Costs are taxed in the amount of \$ _____ and included in the judgment.

Felicia C. Cannon, Clerk

By: _____